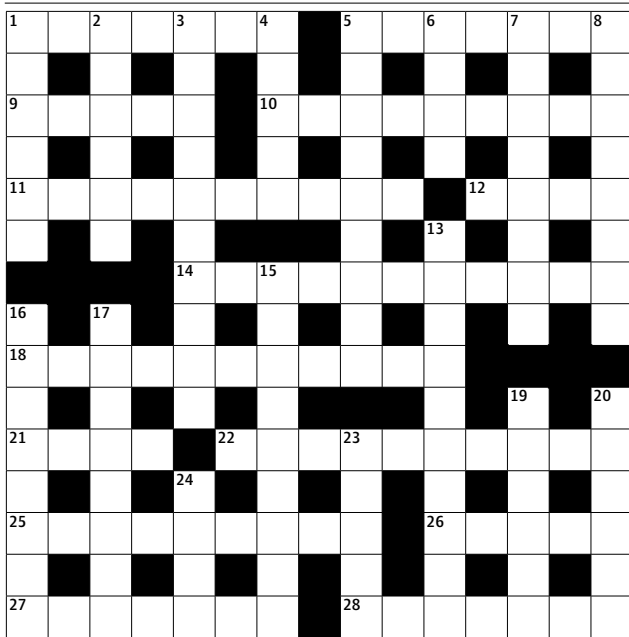


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,146 set by Auster

## Across

- 1 Without starters Eliot Ness is upset and is no longer able to manage (5,2)
- 5 Reports leading to top Australian expert getting sack (7)
- 9 Article from France on kind of radiation used initially for part of the palate (5)
- 10 Basically popular city church (2,7)
- 11 Blathering skites hiding sailor's warm clothing (3,7)
- 12 Riot involves a musical group (4)
- 14 Not a suitable sign for the Limbless Association! (7,4)
- 18 Throw up, then get set to crawl out for some seafood (7,4)
- 21 Knocks back something coming from the East (4)
- 22 Without moving anything, replaces money in cash register (5-5)
- 25 Admit to embrace (9)
- 26 No one returns after working – it could make you cry! (5)
- 27 Kept in bed too long, as pyjamas can be (5,2)
- 28 Hates having doubles first – playing two sets? (7)

## Down

- 1 French king taking note of this girl (6)
- 2 Silly, silly dispute not finished (6) (6)
- 3 It's rising little by little, from POW camp might you say? (10)

- 4,13,20 Hicks wants to talk shop about release initially, agitated and very 2 (5,2,3,5,6)
- 5 Lots getting a good bargain (5,4)
- 6 Where they make plans to travel huge distances, as article here shows up (4)
- 7 Ranting foolishly about nothing, knowing no better (8)
- 8 How one looks when in complete agreement (3,2,3)
- 13 See 4
- 15 Evangelist, a twin possibly and a great writer (4,5)
- 16 ?? Certainly not like us! (8)
- 17 A stumbling block to Basle, disunited about a century (8)
- 19 A star not to be taken lightly, as some might say (6)
- 20 See 4
- 23 Packed, as the month's about up (5)
- 24 Leave out some of the story Naomi told (4)

## Solution No. 25,145

